

## MANY PEOPLE GO WRONG AND ARE COMPLETELY REFORMED

Public Ignorant of  
Majority of Cases.

Detectives Do Their  
Work on Quiet.

### SOME VERY INTERESTING CASES.

"The average person has a very poor idea of the work of a detective," said Mr. A. M. Brownell, one of the best known and shrewdest detectives in this State.

"For instance," said he, "most persons suppose that detectives go out and get into the courts or are published in the newspapers. This is a great mistake. The public never hears of one-twentieth of the cases I work up. Then again, people, as a rule have the idea that men of my profession are hard-hearted and desire to convict every person that goes wrong. On the contrary, the most detectives are men who try to save people from disgrace."

"As I look back over my career, there is no feature of it that gives me more genuine satisfaction than the knowledge of the fact that I have been instrumental in keeping many young men and boys out of prison. In every such case the person who committed the offense completely reformed."

#### WOULD NOT PROSECUTE.

"One of the most pathetic cases I ever had to deal with was that of an orphan boy, who was the inmate of an institution not a thousand miles from the City Hall in Richmond. Various little thefts had been repeatedly committed at the institution and the superintendent employed me to find the thief. I soon discovered that one of the brightest boys and one of the most popular at the place was the offender. The superintendent was greatly shocked, and said the little orphan must not be arrested. I agreed fully with the superintendent."

We sent for the President of the Board of Governors and laid the facts before him. The gentleman was widely known for his good works and his Christian conduct. I was amazed when he said he regarded it as his duty to society and to his God that an example be made of this boy and that he be arrested and tried for his crime. The superintendent and myself pleaded with him, and he finally consented that I should do whatever I thought best. I sent for the orphan and had a long talk with him. He promised to reform and was allowed to remain at the institution. That boy turned out to be a model young man. The president was always very grateful to me for the advice I gave him."

#### MANY TAKE MONEY.

"Detectives are often called up to find out who is stealing money from financial and other business concerns. I have worked up a great many such cases right here in Richmond that the public has never heard of. Many a young man who has access to cash takes out a small sum on Saturday night, and he fully intends to replace it on pay-day. But some of them are unable to do so. They take more money, in order to meet obligations, and so the thing goes on from bad to worse. Finally the employer discovers that something is going wrong."

There may be several who have equal opportunities to steal, and a detective is employed and he discovers the thief. Now, most employers are people who do not wish to send a young man, or an old one for that matter, to jail or to the penitentiary. The person who has done the stealing is sent for. He goes into the private office of the employer, where the detective confronts him with the evidence obtained. Generally there is a full, frank and free confession of guilt. Then follows a plea for mercy. Nine times out of ten the employer forgives and gives the employee one more trial, and in nearly every case these young men turn out to be the best of citizens."

#### A PORTER'S CRIME.

"I worked up a case not long ago for a merchant, and found out that his porter had been systematically stealing goods for years. The negro confessed to the crime and agreed to give over all his property to his employer and work for him until the balance should be paid."

"The employer, as soon as he saw the man was thoroughly penitent, accepted his offer. All thefts at that house have ceased and the porter cannot do too much for his employer."

"No, sir; the public does not hear of ninety-nine per cent. of the cases worked up by the detectives. I could have furnished the newspapers with many very interesting, and I might say, highly sensational, stories had I seen fit to do so. I always advise that a man who is thoroughly penitent be given a chance to reform, unless the crime is so great that it would be almost a crime not to send the person to the penitentiary."

### With the Spring Poet.

#### Two Schools.

I put my heart to school.  
In the world where men grow wise.  
"Go out," I said, "and learn the rule;  
Come back when you find the price."

My heart came back again,  
"And where is the prize?" cried.  
"The rule was false, and the prize  
was vain."

And the teacher's name was Pride.

I put my heart to school.  
In the world where wild birds sing.  
In the fields where flowers spring.  
Where brooks run cool and clear,  
And the blue of heaven bends near.  
"Go out," I said, "you are only a fool,  
But perhaps they can teach you here."

And why do you stay so long.  
My heart, and where do you roam?  
The answer came with a laugh and a song—

"I find this school is home."

—Henry Van Dyke, in April Atlantic.

#### An April Sun Picture.

With liquid pace, less heard than seen,  
The water glides along;  
The woods are all a midst of green,  
The air is a sea of song.

Blue clouds, in dazzling whiteness clad,  
Sail bravely through the blue,  
And all young things on earth are glad,  
And all old tales are true.  
—Henry Johnston, in April Atlantic.

#### Things Frequently Met.

Who says I cannot meet my bills?  
Of bills that's the worst!  
Why, sir, I meet them every day—  
Unless I see them first.

—Philadelphia Press.

#### The Man With a Pull.

'Tis not the man of valorous mood,  
All ardent for the fray,  
Who is most certain to secure  
Men's plaudits, day by day.  
Some men may toll and shear the sheep  
While others get the wool.  
The worker oft must yield unto  
The man who has a pull.

And yet the one who glory holds  
Beyond his rightful share  
Must feel he sits beneath a sword  
Suspended by a hair.  
And he who leads a placid life  
Of honest effort toil,  
May feel, perhaps, no envy of  
The man who has a pull.

Washington Star.

#### Indomitable.

Brave daffodil her praise I sing—  
Ne'er is she heard complain;  
As often as she's nipped in spring  
She pushes up again.  
—Detroit Free Press.

## REV. JOHN JASPER DIED YESTERDAY

Famous Colored Preacher Passes  
Away at a Ripe Age.

HIS "SON DO MOVE" SERMON.  
A Discourse That Gave Him a World-Wide  
Reputation and Attracted Widespread  
Attention—Story of His In-  
teresting Life.

Rev. John Jasper, the central figure among the negro Baptists of the city and the most widely known colored preacher in America, is dead. He passed peacefully away yesterday morning at 10:25 o'clock at his home, No. 1112 St. James Street, surrounded by his relatives and many of his friends. He had lived nearly ninety years, and lately had gradually been growing feeble and weak.

In the death of Rev. Jasper a most unique figure in the ministry of the country passes away. His fame was world-wide, and when visitors came to Richmond they hunted up John Jasper and tried to induce him to preach for them. His famous "Son Do Move Sermon" and when he consented he was assured of an audience which few preachers can boast. His own congregation would stand aside, or take back seats on such occasions, and the whites would invade his church, invariably filling it to overflowing. Many, or most of them went more for the sake of amusement than for edification, but it was impossible to suppress the smile called forth by Jasper's ingenious arguments to demonstrate the falsity of the scientific idea that the sun does not move.

HIS CAREER BEGINS.  
Jasper was born in July, 1812, in Fluvanna county, and was the youngest of twenty-four children. His career up to July 4th, 1839, his twenty-seventh birthday, was only disturbed by such events of being hired out

and doing the labor which was the lot of most slaves during that period.

On the day named while walking through Capitol Square in the midst of a great demonstration by the white people who were celebrating this historic day, he was deeply convinced of his sins, and his desire of soul greatly increased until the 25th day of the same month, when he made confession and joined the church.

He said it was at once made known to him, and he was fully persuaded that he was called and set aside to preach the Gospel.

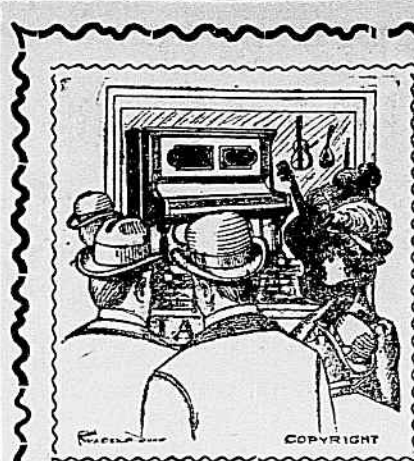
He applied himself to learn to read so that he could expound the Scripture, and after seven months of hard study in a "New York" spelling book, assisted by another slave, named William Jackson, he learned to read sufficiently, and to further improve himself without the assistance of another.

He soon became a popular preacher, and the biographer hitherto mentioned tells many striking episodes in his career, one of which is that he was a welcome visitor to the sick and wounded Confederate soldiers in the hospitals, to whom he often preached. The same writer gives the interesting information that at the fall of Richmond, when he was made a free man, he had 73 cents and was \$32 in debt, but that now he is worth a considerable sum.

A GIANT BAPTIST.  
He presided over a number of colored churches in this and other cities. At one time it is said he baptized 200 candidates, commencing at 11 o'clock in the morning, and was through taking only two hours, or baptizing them at the rate of one every twenty-four seconds. He first preached his famous sermon in his present church, a neat brick structure. It was bought by his congregation in 1858 for \$2,250, and has since been remodelled at a cost of \$5,000. The church has a membership of over 2,000, and is prosperous and free of all incumbrance of debt.

He preached his famous sermon hundreds of times and at the mere announcement that he would preach from the old familiar text, "The Lord is a Man of War," was sufficient to fill the church to overflowing.

About fifteen or sixteen years ago, under the direction of F. A. G. Handy, who was then a newspaper man of this city, Jasper took a lecture tour of Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore and some of the New Jersey cities. At each place he had crowded houses, but as a financial venture it was not very remunerative for



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When Jasper first commenced his sermon Rev. Richard Wells, pastor of Ebenezer Church, published a card denouncing Jasper's theory, and Jasper replied, saying that nothing but deep jealousy and hatred caused him to put it in the papers. Great excitement was caused and the feeling ran high among the members of the two churches.

#### WAS MARRIED FOUR TIMES.

John Jasper was married for the fourth time about eight years ago, and lived with his wife in his little frame cottage on St. James Street. His marriage at such an advanced age created no little talk in his congregation at that time. The minister overheard his only daughter plotting with her husband against his life, presumably to get his property, and seeing that he had to get rid of her, and having any one to care for him, he determined to marry again.

He was of a very practical turn of mind and selecting a quite elderly woman

Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, into a land that I will show thee; and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Also, see chapter xv., verse 5; And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them; and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Verse 13; And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years. And also, that nation whom they serve will I judge; and afterwards they shall come out with great substance.

See, also, chapter xvii., verse 8; And I



Rev. John Jasper

suitable for his wife, he made short work of his courtship, and was married in his own home with his staunchest church members around him.

#### SYNOPSIS OF "SON DO MOVE SERMON."

Jasper's famous "Son Do Move Sermon" was the basis of his fame. While his language and ideas on the subject provoked one to mirth in their hearing, the sublime faith of the man in the Scriptures compelled the respect of all who knew him. A synopsis of the sermon was furnished by himself and printed and has had an enormous sale. It is as follows: The text is found in Exodus—chapter xv., verse 3: "The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name." Genesis, chapter xii., verses 1, 2, and 3: Now the Lord has said unto Abram,

will give unto thee, and thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan to an everlasting possession; and I will be thy God.

Notice when the time came for the children of Israel to come out of Egypt, Pharaoh refused to let them go, and lifted up his arms against him and fought against him. See Exodus, chapter vii., verses 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians. Notice Revelation, chapter vii., verse 1: And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. So we are living on a four-cornered earth.

See, also, Jeremiah, chapter xxxi., verse 37: Thus saith the Lord, if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

Psalms xlii., verse 2: From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

Psalms l., verse 1: The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Malachi, chapter i., verse 2: Far from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles.

Isaiah, chapter xxxviii., verse 8: Behold I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which are going down in the sundial of Ahaz, so that the shadow of the sun shall turn backward; so the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Ecclesiastes, chapter i., verse 5: The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down and hasteneth to his place where he arose.

Joshua, chapter x., verses 12, 13, 14: Then spake Joshua to the Lord, in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou moon in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people avenged themselves upon their enemies. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord harkened unto the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

Judges, chapter xvi., verse 15: And the man of the city said unto him on the seventh day, before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion?

Psalms xix., verse 6: His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the end of the earth; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

#### A FOUR-CORNERED FAITH.

During the course of this sermon he repeatedly refers to the following verse: "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth." He says: "So we are living on a four-cornered earth; then, my friends, will you tell me how in the name of God can an earth with four corners be round?"

He claims that this theory, supported by the Bible, is true; and the earth is like others say, which hold a different theory, peopled on the other side, those people would be obliged to walk on the ground with their feet upward like flies on the ceiling of a room.

In the 10th chapter, 12th and 13th verses, in which Joshua commanded the sun to stand still upon Gibeon, is often referred to as one of the strongest points Mr. Jasper makes in support of his theory. The verses are as follows: "Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies."

"Is not this written in the book of Joshua? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

He says his theory must be a true one, because he proves the fact that the sun moves by the highest law known to man.

In referring to the common theory of the philosophers of this world, in reference to the distance of the sun from the earth, he says there is no way by which a person can measure the distance from the earth to the sun, because no one could take enough food along to last all the way. Then he asks this question: "How can a man take food and measure from the earth to the sun?"

#### THE FUNERAL.

Funeral services will be held over the remains at 11:20 o'clock next Thursday morning at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Jasper's old charge. It had been the desire of the deceased that his funeral sermon be preached by his friend, Rev. William Troy, not now of this city. Troy has been sent for and every effort will be made to get him if possible.

At the afternoon yesterday, the house was crowded with those wishing to view the remains of the deceased and the deceased minister in life gathered there to do him honor in death. The remains will be in state at the house until next Wednesday, when they will be taken to the church, where they will remain until the hour of the funeral. The interment will be made in Ham Cemetery.

#### CAUSE OF DEATH.

Coroner's Jury Placed the Blame Upon Isaac H. Moyer.

An inquest was held by Coroner Taylor yesterday over the body of Isaac H. Moyer, a colored man, who died at his home, No. 1112 St. James Street, on March 29th, from a fracture of the skull, caused by being hit with a brick thrown by Isaac H. Moyer on March 26th. Mr. W. Allen Hayes was foreman of the jury.

The body of Moyer was carried to his home, in Philadelphia, at noon, accompanied by his brother.

Newton Gleason, an employee of the Harker-Marcus Company, had his hand very badly cut yesterday about one o'clock. Dr. Gills, of the ambulance corps, sewed up Mr. Gleason's wounds and left him.

#### To the Travelling Public.

To accommodate our patrons, and especially those who have been unable, on account of the fire at the Jefferson Hotel, to make their arrangements in advance, our office at 503 East Main Street will be open TO-DAY (Sunday) from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. to 5 P. M. As our uptown ticket office, which was located in the Jefferson Hotel, will be discontinued for the present, all our patrons are requested to leave their orders for Railroad and Pullman Tickets and Hack, Car and Baggage Service at our main office, respectively.

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## IN THE INTEREST OF MISSION WORK

Rev. J. Crawley Will Speak in Richmond To-Day.

WANTS MORE MISSIONARIES.

The Services in the Churches To-Day—Quarterly Meeting of the Sunday-School Missionary Society.

at services at Clay-Street. The revival continues both morning and night.

Rev. R. M. Maxey will preach morning and night at Asbury.

Rev. John Hammon, D. D., will preach in the morning at Union Station on "The Mission," and at night on "Two Occasions."

Rev. W. W. Lear will preach in the morning at Centenary. At night the pulpit will be filled by Rev. H. M. Hope. The revival meetings will continue through next week.

Rev. George H. Spooner will preach at night at Trinity on "Peach Work." Services in the morning will be conducted by Rev. J. Powell Garland.

Rev. K. H. Bennett will preach in the morning at St. James on "Who Shall Show Us a Second Messiah?" His subject at night will be "Can One Who Has Once Been Converted Ever Be Lost?"

Rev. W. R. Beauchamp will conduct the usual services at Broad-Street. His subject at night will be "A Wretched Man Delivered."

Rev. J. S. Crawley will be held at Harker-Marcus. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Pennington, will preach. The revival closed last Wednesday after continuing five weeks.

The Rev. C. H. Rogers of the Virginia Conference, will preach at the Park-Place Methodist Church at 11 A. M. to-day.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.  
Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., will preach at 11 A. M. and at 5 P. M. at the Second Church.

Rev. C. M. Chumley will preach in the morning at the Third Church. There will be no service at night.

Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., will preach in the morning at Grace-Street Church. At night the pulpit will be filled by Rev. J. S. Crawley, a missionary from Congo Free State.

Rev. J. Calvin Stewart will preach, morning and night, at the Church of the Covenant.

Rev. D. K. Walthall will hold the usual services at Mission.

Rev. J. K. K. subject at the First Presbyterian Church to-night will be "If Christ Came to the Individual."

## TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

Rev. J. D. Crawley, a Southern Presbyterian Missionary to the Congo and to the West Indies, will be in Richmond and will speak in several of the churches to-day. He is here in the interests of his work and is making a tour of the United States, hoping to secure five additional missionaries for his field. He has visited the cities of New York, Philadelphia, and New Orleans, and is meeting with great success.

Mr. Crawley was stationed at Leopold, on Stanley Pool. He gives a most interesting account of his work, which he declares to be most encouraging in results. Mr. Crawley is at present the guest of the Rev. William D. Campbell, on West Grace Street.

THE BAPTIST CHURCHES.  
Dr. George Cooper will preach in the morning at the First Baptist Church on "Life's Heroism." At night his subject will be "Life's Ideal," beginning a series of sermons on "Life Problems of Youth."

Dr. W. R. L. Smith will conduct the usual services at the Second Church.

Dr. William E. Hatcher will preach, morning and night at the Grace-Street Baptist Church.

Rev. C. J. Thompson will preach in the morning at Leigh-Street. At night the pulpit will be filled by the pastor, Rev. M. Ashby Jones.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne will preach in the morning to the Grove-Avenue congregation on "The Blessedness of Seeing God." There will be no service at night.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES.  
The quarterly meeting of the Sunday-School Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church will be held at the church, Lombard Street, this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The programme for the occasion includes an address by Prof. Charles H. Winkler